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2. Handcarried to George Murphy,
Deputy Director, Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, a copy of the
Director's letter to Senator Howard Baker (R., Tenn.) in which he said he had no objection to the release to the President's Commission
of the Agency material previously provided Senator Baker and now
being held in the Joint Committee vault. In this connection I mentioned
an earlier conversation I had with John Swearingen. Senate Rules and
Administration Committee, who expressed the position that these documents were actually the property of the Senate and could not be
released to anyone outside of the Senate. Murphy said he did not plan
to do anything about this until he received instructions from Senator
Baker. I said I understood that we have also received a communication
from Senator Frank Church (D., Idaho) asking that this information be made available to the Senate Select Committee. Obviously it can't
go both places at the same time and the decision as to whom it should
be sent is a matter for the Commission, the Committee and other
elements of the Congress to decide.

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